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Jack:

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Secretary Gates was out of town and the Director never did talk to him on the attached matter. He handed it back to me and asked me to see what General Cabell thought about it. I talked to the General and his view was that we should just file and forget unless the question is raised again. General Cabell said we were clearly on record with General Erskine as not desiring to participate in this particular briefing so, unless the Director does wish to go further and talk to Secretary Gates as a matter of courtesy, no further action is required.

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Mr. Dulles:

This is to remind that you wish to call Secretary Gates about the proposal that CIA have one hour of the five-hour briefing on the Erskine office to be set up for Secretary McNamara after 3 January.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:
General Cabell:

A copy of this memorandum has already
been sent to Bob Amory for his information and
necessary action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPT)
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, JOINT STAFF
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Briefings for the Secretary of Defense - Designate

The Secretary of Defense has asked me to coordinate all arrangements for appropriate briefings for Mr. Robert S. McNamara, the Secretary of Defense-designate, within the field of intelligence and its relationships within the intelligence community.

The time set for the briefing has not been determined. It is indicated, however, that the briefing will be scheduled subsequent to January 3, 1961. You will be informed of the scheduled time for the briefing for Mr. McNamara as soon as the Department of Defense schedule of briefings has been made firm.

A tentative schedule of briefings, with allocations of time, is set forth in the attachment hereto.

It is desired that a rehearsal of the Defense Department briefings be held on December 29th in the Office of Special Operations, Room 3E-114, commencing at 0930.

James B. Erskine
GRAVES B. ERSKINE
General, USMC (Ret.)
Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)

Attachment - 1

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS FOR MR. ROBERT S. MC NAMARA

(Date to be determined)

Time is allocated to the various elements as follows:

H hour to H plus 1	Office of Special Operations
H hour plus 1 to H hour plus 1-1/2	Director of Intelligence, Joint Staff (J-2)
H hour plus 1-1/2 to H plus 3-1/2	Director of National Security Agency
H hour plus 3-1/2 to H plus 4	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
H hour plus 4 to H plus 5	Director, Central Intelligence Agency

D-Day and H-hour will be announced when the Department of
Defense schedule is firm.